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ELECTROLYTIC ETCHING OF GOLD

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Claims 15-28 and 35-38 are pending in the subject application. The outstanding request asks Applicants to choose one of the following species:

an etching process using an iodide bath; or

an etching process using a chloride bath.

The Examiner's Action correctly notes that Claim 15 is currently generic.

In response to the request for election, Applicant elects the iodide species. Claims 15-28 read on the elected iodide species.

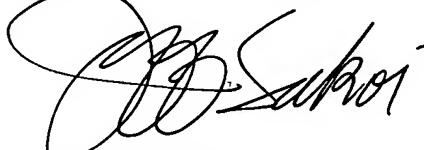
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In view of the foregoing election, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner substantively review the patentability of the pending claims.

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